

## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **21 CFR Ch. I**

#### **25 CFR Ch. V**

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#### **45 CFR Subtitle A; Subtitle B, Chs. II, III, and XIII**

### **Regulatory Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Semiannual Regulatory Agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 and Executive Order (EO) 12866 require the semiannual issuance of an inventory of rulemaking actions under development throughout the Department, offering for public review summarized information about forthcoming regulatory actions.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the Federal government's lead agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services. HHS enhances the health and well-being of Americans by promoting effective health and human services and by fostering sound, sustained advances in the sciences underlying medicine, public health, and social services.

This Agenda presents the regulatory activities that the Department expects to undertake in the foreseeable future to advance this mission. The purpose of the Agenda is to encourage more effective public participation in the regulatory process. The regulatory actions forecasted in this Agenda reflect the priorities of HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and the Biden-Harris Administration. Accordingly, this Agenda contains rulemakings aimed at tackling the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, building and

expanding access to affordable health care, addressing health disparities and promoting equity, and boosting the wellbeing of children and families, among other policy priorities.

The rulemaking abstracts included in this paper issue of the **Federal Register** cover, as required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, those prospective HHS rulemakings likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Department's complete Regulatory Agenda is accessible online at <http://www.RegInfo.gov>.

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